



**Daily Update**  
April 18

### **Geological Work**

Devil's Slide (post mile 39.14)

- Controlled blasting of the rocks and boulders 300 feet above the road began today. The first explosion happened at approximately 12:45 p.m. the second at approximately 4:05 p.m. and the third at 5:10 p.m. Large boulders were broken down into relatively small pieces by the explosion. Only a few rocks rolled onto the road. Most were contained on the cliff.



First controlled blast at approximately 12:45 p.m. 4/18/06

- Prior to commencing operations, all personnel, including the media and wildlife monitors, attended a 20 minute safety meeting. Leaders of the blasting crew covered safety rules and procedures.



Rich Olander, 40 years explosives experience, begins the safety meeting

#### Slide at Post Mile 40

- Repair work began today as scheduled. A temporary detour around the small slide and land clearing got underway.



Excavation work begins

**Biological Monitoring**

- Personnel from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group monitored common murre and peregrine falcons in the area.

**Public Information**

- Camera crews from the media were invited to film activities throughout the day. Two video crews and two still photographers represented all media organizations.
- Caltrans gave an informational presentation about the situation at Devil's Slide before the Half Moon Bay City Council. The presentation began at 7:00 p.m. and lasted for about 20 minutes. The Deputy Director for District 4 and the Manager for the Devil's Slide repair project answered questions from council members. Several council members commended government agencies for the quick response to the emergency and the high level of cooperation and coordination.